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Agenda

General Meeting, November 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

- *Greeting/Introductions
- *Minutes from June
- *Treasurer & Committee Reports
- *Old Business

- *Announcements/Braggs
- *Adjourn

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REMINDER: Barker Deadline

Just a friendly reminder. The Barker deadline to make certain that something will be included is 5 p.m. on the 15th of the month. You can submit things after that but they may not be printed until the next month.

**GLOC Board Meeting Minutes Thursday,
October 12, 6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Teresa Barney, Chris Sumner, Alicia Graybill, Jeannine Beer, Jessica Bruns, Kat Potthoff, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee, Pam Eckstein, Kim Kempkes, Sherry Tomes, JuLee Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Teresa Barney

Minutes: No corrections or additions were noted. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Jeannine B and seconded by Judy V. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jeannine B reported income for the September of \$846.33 and expenses totaled \$8,272.04 for a net loss of \$7,425.71. Our current balance is \$44,505.66 in the checking account and our funds on hand is \$44,265.40. She reported that this does not include trial receipts and we have also received a payment from SCC for 3 sessions in October. Trial receipts were around \$12,000 and we should make \$1,000 to \$2,000. We had lower registrations this year. Hotel availability and costs influenced attendance. Jeannine also reported she had received a copy of our insurance certificate and asked who needed copies. It was reported that the agent usually sends the necessary certificates. She will check with Robin to see if Wahoo had received a copy. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Alicia G and seconded by Jessica B. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Obedience: Alicia G reported that the classes are going well. The puppy class has been canceled. There were three students and one of the puppies contracted parvo. She offered all three students the option of a refund or to take a

subsequent class. All three opted to take the class in the next session. Alicia reported she is trying to get a reactive dog class set up and there have been requests for another tricks and CGC test. She is looking for dates sometime in October. Judy V reported that there were 3 students in her class that ends 10/31. There was a good turnout in September. There were no non-members that tested and we are charging a fee for non-members. She then noted that her term will expire the end of the year and we need to start looking for a replacement. It was then stated that the club will reimburse the costs for CGC forms, but are there other areas that members could meet requirements. It was noted that the new ACT designation requires excellent titles and we have no members eligible for this.

Sports: Kat thanked everyone for their assistance with the trial. Chris S brought treats to share. She had an email report from Robin for the November trial that she would share at the membership meeting. Kat reported that judges for 2018 CPE trials are done and tentative for 2019 CPE. We are working with the Omaha clubs to stagger judges. For AKC we are missing one judge for 2019 and have all 2018 confirmed. The 2018 judges will be Nettles in June and Gilmer in October. For 2019 judges are Josling, Morgan and Hansen. Many of these judges are well liked so this should help boost trial attendance. Chris then commented that most of the comments she heard at the trial centered around the availability of hotel rooms. It was asked if we had considered asking a couple of the hotels to block a group of rooms for our event. Kat commented that they would not offer a discounted rate but they may be willing to hold a certain number open until the premium closed. That would still give them an opportunity to fill the rooms if there were not booked by trial participants. Chris also mentioned the option of moving the trial to Omaha on the years that it conflicts with a home game. Last year we had \$3,500 more in registrations. The next trial that conflicts will

be October, 2019. Chris will check with some hotels and see if blocking rooms would be an option before any decisions about change in venue are made. Judy V reported that we are working on 2018 facility contracts but have not started on 2019. The venues do not do multiyear agreements. Kat stated that she was going to check the trial secretary about releasing the participants email addresses so we could email a “thank you for attending” email and at the same time push our trial schedule for next year. Kat then reported that we are good for both of the 2018 CPE facilities as both have been confirmed. Work will begin on the 2019 contracts. The April trial looks like it will have good attendance.

Kat then reported communication from Danielle that based on need, there will only be one Handling class and only two of the agility special topics (Think on your feet and Fun & Games). The special topic of weaves and stays is “on hold”. Pam then asked when we were going to offer another obedience special topics class. After a brief discussion it was decided that an Advanced Rally class will be offered. Kat reported that the repair to the one teeter was good but the other one needs some work.

Correspondence: Kim reported that she sent a card to Judy Vitamvas. Judy reported that it was not received and Kim said she would send another one.

Old Business: Teresa B reported that based on a vote of 5 to 3 we will be holding a NADAC trial on Saturday October 21. This will be an all day event. She will check with Leath about how many helpers he may need. She then asked if we had a YouTube channel. No one had any information and she would look at setting one up. Participants would load their videos to this site and send the link to the judge. It was mentioned that setup may occur the night before. There was some discussion about leaving equipment outside of the building overnight unsecured. Could things be set up

early in the morning? After some discussion Alicia G moved that we keep the agility equipment inside the building overnight. It was seconded by Kat. Motion passed.

New Business: Teresa mentioned that she had brought her computer to show us the progress on our website. She was unable to secure internet access so this will have to wait. She then mentioned that we need to revisit the volunteer hours and any other changes now so that they can be approved and implemented in the next year. Jeannine reminded the board that we will need to include sales tax on class fees and activity passes. We do not have to charge sales tax on Membership fees. Teresa also noted that we need to convene the nominating committee as we have six board positions up for election. The past president chairs this committee. Suggestions for committee members were Leath, Stephanie and Mary S. Judy V will follow up to see if they are interested in serving.

Our current by-laws state that members have to have 12 volunteer hours a year to remain in good standing. If a member completes 20 or more they will receive a certificate for \$10 off of their dues. Teresa asked for discussion about moving it to 24 hours to remain in good standing, 30 hours to receive the \$10 certificate and those with an excess of 60 hours getting a \$20 certificate. After a brief discussion it was decided that we would present the increase from 12 to 24 hours to the general membership and ask for feedback.

Questions were raised about Activity passes, new members and Key agreements. There is some confusion as to if the activity pass and key agreement go hand in hand. It was clarified that in order to obtain a key, the member must be in good standing, current on any payments and have an activity pass for the second year. If any of these three criteria are not met, members should turn in their keys. It was mentioned that

directors should evaluate instructor keys more frequently. There was discussion of increasing the number of volunteer hours necessary for building keys. This will also be presented to the membership for feedback.

Chris S then asked if we could collect and track vaccination records for students and members. There was discussion about sending out an email prior to classes but SCC does not provide student information. It was suggested that we could ask for them on the first night of class. There was discussion but no determination on what vaccinations we would require. Would we accept titers results. Chris S said that if someone set up the spreadsheet, she would summarize and track.

Pam E suggested that we consider hosting a Nosework or Barn Hunt event. It would be low overhead as we have the facility and would only need to get a judge. Other clubs are charging \$25 fees for these events.

Teresa then asked who the administrator on our Facebook page was. Alicia thought Marcy might be.

Kat then asked about moving up the closing date for the next registration. It was scheduled to be open from 10/23 to 11/3 but since classes start on 11/6 that is not enough time. After a brief discussion it was decided that registration will close on 10/28. We will update the calendar and send out reminders.

Jessica B motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Chris S. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

GLOC Membership Meeting Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Kat Potthoff, Jeannine Beer, Robin James, Jennifer Brown, Kim Kempkes, JuLee Vincent, Sherry Tomes, Holly Adams, Marcy Graybill, Alicia Graybill, Jack Higgins, Chris Sumner, Tatiana Height, Kyle Smith, Stef Bowers, Leath McLaughlin, Vince Kamrath, Pam Eckstine, Teresa Barney, Teresa Lee

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Teresa Barney.

Members introduced themselves.

Robin James passed around a signup sheet for Obedience stewards for the upcoming trial on November 18-19.

Minutes: No corrections or additions were noted. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Alicia G and seconded by Chris S. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jeannine B reported income for September of \$846.33 and expenses totaled \$8,272.04 for a net loss of \$7,425.71. Our current balance is \$44,505.66 in the checking account and our funds on hand is \$44,265.40. She reported that this does not include trial receipts and we have also received a payment from SCC for 3 sessions in October. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Marcy G and seconded by Leath M. Motion carried.

Sports: Kat thanked all those that helped with the October trial. The November trial is coming up and she will send emails for volunteers soon. The premium is on the web page. Martha is the March trial chair and if anyone is interested in serving as the trial chair for any of the other trials in 2018, please let her know. Kat then reported that all of the 2018 AKC judges have been determined and the March judge is a popular one. We still need to confirm the

March 2019 judge and are missing one other judge for the 2019 schedule. All of the 2018 CPE judges have been confirmed. Kat passed around a signup sheet for instructors for agility classes. Registration will open 10/23 and close 10/28. Judy V is working on contracts with Speedway and then the renewal of the Lancaster Event Center. Kat reported that we still need some open agility volunteers and feedback on attendance. Chris S then reported that one of the timer poles needs repair. She can send it in and get it back by November 17. It was also noted that one of the teeters needs repair. Kat asked that anyone wanting to help or learn how to make the repair should let her know. The two new tunnels are on the way. The hurricanes interrupted the delivery and they may be here for the CPE trial. We now have three tunnels for practice and classes. The winged jumps were well received. We have the materials here and will get the remainder done for the March trial. Kat also reported that she wants to send a memo to the October trial exhibitors and let them know of our upcoming events. Jeannine reported that she will make entry / exit gates. Leath then reported on the upcoming NADAC trial. This will be our first video trial and fun run on October 21 starting at 10:00 am in the grass lot next to the building. NADAC posts a course each week and allow participants to send in a video to be judged. It costs \$5 to submit the video. We will charge \$5 per run. This is a good opportunity to practice. The levels are Proficient and Skilled. Both of these heights are reduced by 4" for a veteran handler or veteran dog. NADAC defines a Veteran dog as 7 years of age. Once the dog reaches 10 years of age, they are mandatory at Skilled. NADAC does allow training in the ring as long as you are courteous of everyone's time. Leath inquired about the club having a YouTube channel to post videos for the judges. Members can do a NADAC registration online and the top jump height is 20". You do not need a NADAC number to run, only to submit a video to the judges. There are not many NADAC events in

our area so we should send information via email to market the event. Leath reported that this may be the only run this fall unless the weather is very nice in December. There are no available dates in November.

Kat then reported that there are only 4 dogs in the Flyball class. There is another class in session 8. She is not aware of any upcoming events. We do not currently have a team. She then reported that Teres P is teaching the tracking class this session. There will be a class in session 8 that will have new dogs. Both Teres and Elbert have agreed to teach. There is a tracking trial in Omaha in November and two members have registered for the TDX draw.

Obedience: Alicia reported that classes are going well. She reported the puppy class was canceled due to illness. All three of the students have opted to be in the next class. She has good assistants. Anyone interested in teaching or assisting, please let her know.

Correspondence: Kim K reported that she will resend a card to Judy Vitamvas. The first one was not received.

Old Business: Teresa reported that the board will have six positions open and they include the Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, Sports Director, Training Director and One Member at Large. Judy V will be chairing the nominating committee and will contact others to form a committee.

New Business: Teresa B presented a recommendation for volunteer hours to the membership. The recommendation is to keep the 12 hour requirement for member in good standing, 20 hours for a \$10 certificate towards membership fees, and 24 hours for a key. She opened this up to the membership for comments and discussion. There was none. She then reminded members to be recording their volunteer hours in the member's only section of

the website. If anyone has issues with this, please contact Robin B and she can assist. Teresa B then presented a recommendation that the club collect copies of vaccination records at a minimum for the puppies registered for classes. It would be nice to get this for all dogs. Chris S reported that we can interpret titers. There was a discussion about the vaccinations listed on the membership form and should those be reviewed and adjusted. There was a discussion about this not becoming prohibitive for students as we do not want to make the requirements excessive. There was also a discussion about the frequency of spraying the building with bleach water to curb illness.

Teresa B then reported that the new banners for the Dog Parks are being designed and they will contact us for our input into the GLOC banner.

Pam E reported that there will be Barn Hunt Fun Run on Sunday October 22 at 1 pm. There were 22 dogs last time. There will be a \$5 charge for club members that are helping with the event and \$20 for non-helpers. It was suggested that due to diminishing daylight that we limit the number of runs and post a signup sheet on Face book. It will be open to members first and then to non-members. In the event of rain, the event will be held the next Sunday.

Braggs and announcements - Please submit your brags to the Barker.

Jessica B motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sherry T seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

GALLERY OF BRAGS

If you have a new puppy/dog announcement, a brag, or just some great pictures of your dog(s), submit them to the Barker for inclusion in our Gallery of Brags. Send your items to glocthebarker@gmail.com. Our deadline is the 15th of the month but for pics of puppies, we always make an exception.

Jo Jo had a great month, earning several new NADAC Titles and came in second place in the NADAC Championships. Blast ran well too and was in first for a while in the Double Digit dog category but his age showed up the last couple of days and he finished in 5th place in what was a large class.

I am so proud of both the boys. They ran their hearts out. – Submitted by Leath McLaughlin

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"Wow! Nice costume!"

PUPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday,
November 2, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Barker deadline Wednesday, November
15 @ 5:00 p.m.

GLOC AKC Obedience Trials, Saturday and
Sunday, November 18 and 19 @ 8 a.m. @
GLOC building

GLOC CPE Agility Trials, Saturday and
Sunday, November 25 and 26 @ 8 a.m. in
Wahoo

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday,
December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.



Viktor Barney shows off his Barn Hunt ribbons.
– Submitted by Teresa Barney

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club is pleased to announce it will be hosting AKC Scent Work Trials on November 3-5, 2017. We will be offering only Novice and Advanced classes in Container, Interior, and Exterior elements. We can accept only 125 runs per day, so please get your entry forms in early. If you want to hand deliver your entries to me, please make sure everything is in an envelope.

Remember: Novice A classes are open to dogs/handlers who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and who have never worked as or with professional detection dogs.

Novice B classes are open to all dogs.

Advanced classes are open to all dogs that have achieved their Novice title for that particular element.

Also note: These trials will be run concurrently. Example: Trial #1 Novice A Containers will be followed by Trial #2 Novice A Containers, etc.

As always, please make sure you are familiar with the rules of AKC Scent Work. The link above will take you to AKC's Scent Work site.

If you know of anyone who is doing nosework or scent work with their dog, feel free to forward this e-mail.

Volunteers are always needed at these events. If you would be willing to steward at these trials, please let me know. The jobs are not difficult and by volunteering you learn about the sport.

We look forward to seeing you at our first AKC Scent Work Trial,
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PETMD TOP 10 HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

No Scaredy-Cats Allowed

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a downright nightmare. Forgo the stress and dangers this year by following these 10 easy tips.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of [chocolate poisoning](#) may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at glothebarker@gmail.com or Kat at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

Volunteers will be needed for the GLOC Obedience Trials on 11/18-19 at our building. Help is needed in various ways so contact Robin James at rjames_1@windstream.net to see how you can help.

Volunteers will also be needed for the GLOC CPE Agility Trials in Wahoo the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. Help is needed in various ways so contact Robin Bonge at glocvolunteer@gmail.com to offer your assistance.

There is a box at the GLOC building on the table in the office. Next to the box is a notebook. If you find yourself with a few idle minutes, look in the box and find a quick chore. Make sure, if you complete a task, that you write it down in the notebook. These are quick and easy tasks that will contribute to your volunteer hours.

seizures. "Xylitol ingestion can also cause liver failure in dogs, even if they don't develop symptoms associated with low blood sugar," add Dr. Jennifer Coates, veterinary advisor with petMD. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless. Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution. Make sure your black cats are safely housed indoors around Halloween.

3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Indoors is certainly better than outdoors on Halloween, but your door will still be constantly opening and closing, and strangers will be on your doorstep dressed in unusual

costumes. This, of course, can be scary for our furry friends, which can result in escape attempts or unexpected aggression. Putting your dog or cat in a secure crate or room away from the front door will reduce stress and prevent them from darting outside into the night ... a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

4. Keep glow sticks away from pets.

While glow sticks can help keep people safe on Halloween night, they can add some unwanted drama to the holiday if a pet chews one open. “Thankfully, the liquid inside glow sticks is non-toxic, so it won’t actually make pets sick,” says Dr. Coates, “but it does taste awful.” Pets who get into a glow stick may drool, paw at their mouth, become agitated, and sometimes even vomit. Coates recommends that if your pet does chew on a glow stick, “offer some fresh water or a small meal to help clear the material out of the mouth.”

5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

While small amounts of corn and pumpkin can be fed safely to many pets, ingesting uncooked, potentially moldy Halloween pumpkins or corn displays can cause big problems. Gastrointestinal upset is a possibility whenever pets eat something they aren’t used to, and intestinal blockage can occur if large pieces are swallowed. Dr. Coates adds that “some types of mold produce *mycotoxins* that can cause neurologic problems in dogs and cats.” So, keep the pumpkins and corn stalks away from your pets. And speaking of pumpkins ...

6. Don’t keep lit pumpkins around pets.

If you are using candles to light your *jack-o-lanterns* or other Halloween decorations, make sure to place them well out of reach of your pets. Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or causing a fire.

7. Keep electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations out of reach.

Electric and battery-powered Halloween decorations are certainly safer than open candles, but they still can present a risk to pets. Pets who chew on electrical cords can receive a possibly life-threatening [electrical shock](#) or burn. Batteries may cause chemical burns when chewed open or *gastrointestinal* blockage if swallowed. Shards of glass or plastic can cause lacerations anywhere on the body or, if swallowed, within the *gastrointestinal* tract.

8. Don’t dress your pet in a costume unless you know they’ll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn’t dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe. Dr. Coates warns that

pets who are wearing a costume should always be supervised by a responsible adult so that if something goes wrong, it can be addressed right away.

9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

Don’t wait until Halloween night to put your pet in a costume for the first time. “Any time you want to introduce your pet to something new, it’s best to go slowly,” says Dr. Coates. Get your pet costumes early, and put them on for short periods of time (and piece by piece, if possible). “Make it a positive experience by offering lots of praise and treats,” adds Coates. If at any time, your pet seems distressed or develops skin problems from contact with a costume, consider letting him go in his “birthday suit.” A festive bandana may be a good compromise.

10. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that he or she will be returned. Collars and tags are ideal if a Good Samaritan is able to collect your wayward pet, but microchips offer permanent identification should the collar or tag fall off. Just make sure the information is up-to-date. Use Halloween as a yearly reminder to double check your address and phone number on tags and with the company who supports pet microchips.

